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AVAQMD BUY BACK PROGRAM OFFERS \$1,000 FOR PRE-1991 AUTOS

Lancaster – In an effort to help get older, higher polluting vehicles off the road, the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District is offering \$1,000 for operating and registered 1990 and older cars, vans and light and medium duty trucks.

“More than 60% of the High Desert’s air pollution originates from automobiles,” said Eldon Heaston, Executive Director for the AVAQMD. “The Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program represents a win-win solution for residents and for air quality.”

Under the voluntary program, eligible vehicles must be driven to a contracted vehicle dismantler and pass the most recent biennial Smog Checks required by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Eligible vehicles must also meet Vehicle Status and Qualification Requirements and a Vehicle Functional and Equipment Eligibility Inspection, which are described in detail on the AVAQMD’s website at www.avaqmd.ca.gov.

Incentives for eligible vehicles will be awarded on a first-come, first served basis until available funds are exhausted. The AVAQMD’s scrap program – which was launched in 2005 - is not affiliated with other state or federal vehicle programs. Unlike the now discontinued “Cash for Clunkers” program,

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participants in the AVAQMD's program are not required to purchase another vehicle in place of the one being retired.

The AVAQMD's program is available to owners of vehicles registered within the air district's jurisdiction, which includes the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale and unincorporated areas of North Los Angeles County's High Desert.

To sell your vehicle, or to get more information on the VAVR program, call 1-800-717-7624.

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